

HOUSE BILL No. 1266

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-13-17; IC 5-21; IC 5-22.

Synopsis: Internet based public purchasing. Authorizes the department of administration to establish Internet sites designed to facilitate state and local public purchasing. Requires the department of administration to establish rules and fees for the use of Internet purchasing sites in cooperation with the intelenet commission and the state board of accounts. Permits a municipality to conduct on-line reverse auctions for purchases of supplies and services. Establishes procedures governing the conduct of an on-line reverse auction. Requires that Internet purchasing sites be operational before January 1, 2005.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2004.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 4-13-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]:

Chapter 17. Internet Purchasing Sites

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "authorized user" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-21-1-2.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the Indiana department of administration.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "internet purchasing site" means an open and interactive electronic environment that is:

(1) designed to facilitate the purchase and sale of supplies and services conducted under IC 5-22;

(2) approved and managed by the department; and

(3) linked to the electronic gateway administered by the intelenet commission established by IC 5-21-2-1.

Sec. 4. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish:

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- (1) procedures for use of Internet purchasing sites by:
 - (A) authorized users; and
 - (B) the public;
- to facilitate purchases and sales conducted under IC 5-22;
- (2) user fees payable by a bidder using an Internet purchasing site;
- (3) the technical requirements for operation of an Internet purchasing site;
- (4) procedures requiring the proper officers to maintain adequate documentation of transactions performed through the Internet purchasing site so that the officers may be audited as provided by law;
- (5) procedures necessary for the operation of Internet purchasing sites; and
- (6) procedures for the use of commercial Internet auction sites under IC 5-22-22-4.5.

Sec. 5. An Internet purchasing site must:

- (1) provide an authorized user with the ability to issue an invitation for bids electronically;
- (2) protect the content of an electronic offer to the extent required under IC 5-22;
- (3) provide an authorized user with a secure, accurate report of all information contained in electronic offers made through the site on or before the deadline established by the authorized user; and
- (4) comply with IC 5-22.

Sec. 6. The department shall provide the equipment and information technology services necessary to operate the Internet purchasing sites required under this chapter.

Sec. 7. The department shall provide authorized users and the public with access to Internet purchasing sites by links to the electronic gateway administered by the intelnet commission.

Sec. 8. The department shall cooperate with the following to implement this chapter:

- (1) The intelnet commission.
- (2) The state board of accounts.

SECTION 2. IC 5-21-1-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 6.5. "Internet purchasing site" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-13-17-3.

SECTION 3. IC 5-21-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. The commission shall design,

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develop, contract for, and manage statewide, integrated telecommunication networks and information technology services that economically, efficiently, and effectively meet the needs of authorized users. When technically possible and cost efficient, the system shall use facilities of the certificated local exchange telephone companies. The intelenet system may include the following:

- (1) A statewide voice network.
- (2) Voice connections into each county in the state.
- (3) Interfacing with out-of-state voice facilities.
- (4) Lines to connect computers and terminals.
- (5) High speed data switching capacity.
- (6) Data connections into each county in the state.
- (7) A statewide broadcast network for video signals.
- (8) Two-way video conferencing capacity.
- (9) **Internet purchasing sites.**
- (10) Other telecommunication and information technology services approved by the commission.

The commission shall provide the intelenet system and accessIndiana solely to carry out or to facilitate the carrying out of the essential public, educational, and governmental functions of authorized users.

SECTION 4. IC 5-22-2-14.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 14.1. "Internet purchasing site" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-13-17-3.**

SECTION 5. IC 5-22-2-28.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 28.5. "Reverse auction" means a purchasing process in which vendors, anonymous to each other, compete by submitting bids to provide supplies or services at the lowest selling price using an Internet purchasing site.**

SECTION 6. IC 5-22-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2003, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 4. (a) Whenever this article requires that notice or other material be sent by mail, the material may be sent by electronic means as stated in any of the following:**

- (1) Rules adopted by the governmental body.
- (2) Written policies of the purchasing agency.
- (3) A solicitation.

(b) Rules, written policies, and solicitation statements described in subsection (a):

- (1) are subject to this article; and
- (2) must provide that the transmission of information is at least as

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efficient and secure as sending the material by mail.

(c) A governmental body may receive electronic offers if both of the following apply:

(1) The solicitation indicates the procedure for transmitting the electronic offer to the governmental body.

(2) The governmental body receives the offer on a fax machine, by electronic mail, or by means of another electronic system that has a security feature that protects the content of an electronic offer with the same degree of protection as the content of an offer that is not transmitted by electronic means.

(d) A municipality conducting a reverse auction must receive electronic offers through an Internet purchasing site.

SECTION 7. IC 5-22-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]:

Chapter 7.5. On-Line Reverse Auctions

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to municipalities (as defined in IC 36-1-2-11).

Sec. 2. (a) The purchasing agency of a municipality, or a cooperative purchasing organization described in IC 5-22-4-7 formed by two (2) or more municipalities, may conduct a reverse auction for the purchase of property, supplies, and services by using an Internet purchasing site to:

(1) issue an invitation for bids; and

(2) receive bids.

(b) Except as provided in this chapter, a purchasing agency and a bidder must comply with the requirements of this article when participating in a reverse auction.

Sec. 3. Before conducting a reverse auction, the purchasing agency must adopt written policies:

(1) that establish the purchasing agency's reverse auction purchasing process under IC 5-22-3-4;

(2) that comply with rules for Internet public purchasing sites adopted by the Indiana department of administration under IC 4-13-17-4; and

(3) that require the purchasing agency to maintain adequate documentation regarding reverse auctions so that the transactions may be audited as provided by law.

Sec. 4. If a purchasing agency issues an invitation for bids using a reverse auction conducted through an Internet purchasing site under this chapter, only bids made:

(1) in accordance with the rules and policies described in

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section 3 of this chapter; and
 (2) through the Internet purchasing site;
 may be evaluated by the purchasing agency at the close of bidding.

Sec. 5. When used for a reverse auction, an Internet purchasing site must do the following:

- (1) Provide information that the purchasing agency considers necessary or beneficial to potential bidders.
- (2) Display the amount of all bids previously submitted regarding the reverse auction for public viewing.
- (3) Conceal information that identifies a bidder.
- (4) Comply with this article.

Sec. 6. The Indiana department of administration may charge a bidder in a reverse auction a fee adopted under IC 4-13-17-4(2).

Sec. 7. For purposes of IC 5-22-7-6, a bid made through an Internet purchasing site is considered to be opened when a computer generated record of the information contained in all bids for a proposed purchase or sale that were received by the site on or before the posted bid deadline is reviewed publicly by the purchasing agency in the presence of one (1) or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the invitation for bids.

SECTION 8. IC 5-22-22-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.31-2002, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4.5. (a) The purchasing agency may sell surplus property using ~~an~~ a commercial Internet auction site that satisfies if both of the following are satisfied:

- (1) The site is ~~approved~~ used in compliance with the procedures established by the ~~intelenet commission~~ Indiana department of administration under IC 4-13-17-4(6).
- (2) The site is linked to the electronic gateway administered by the intelenet commission.

(b) The purchasing agency's posting of the sale on the ~~Internet auction~~ site must include a detailed description of the surplus property to be sold.

(c) The purchasing agency may pay the costs of conducting the auction on the ~~Internet~~ site as required by the person maintaining the ~~auction~~ site.

SECTION 9. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The definitions set forth in IC 4-13-17, as added by this act, apply throughout this SECTION.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 4-13-17, as added by this act, the Indiana department of administration shall:

- (1) carry out the duties imposed upon it under IC 4-13-17, as

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1 added by this act, under interim written guidelines approved
2 by the department; and

3 (2) provide authorized users and the public with access to
4 Internet purchasing sites to conduct reverse auctions under
5 IC 5-22-7.5 before January 1, 2005.

6 (c) This SECTION expires January 1, 2005.

7 SECTION 10. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a)
8 Notwithstanding IC 5-22-22-4.5, as amended by this act, a
9 purchasing agent may conduct a sale of surplus property under
10 IC 5-22-22-4.5 as in effect before the amendments made by this act
11 through a commercial Internet auction site approved by the
12 intelenet commission before July 1, 2004.

13 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2005.

14 SECTION 11. An emergency is declared for this act.

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